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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence and correspondence address, and citizenship, are as stated below next to my name and signature.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a U.S. patent is sought on the invention entitled

Drive Mechanisms for Valve Actuators
the specification of which (i) is filed herewith.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a), and to the extent this application is a continuation-in-part application, I acknowledge the duty to disclose such information which became available between the filing dates of the prior application and the instant application.

Priority Claim: I hereby claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, § 120, § 121, and/or § 365 as applicable to the following application(s):

U.K. Patent Application No: 0316735.0 filed 17 July 2003.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Bradley N. Ruben, Reg. No. 32,058.

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